

**Sturgis Library Archives**

**Genealogy and Personal Manuscript Collection**

**Mary K. Cobb Collection, 1833-1914**

**MS. 43**

**Extent:** .5 linear feet (3 folders and 2 scrapbooks)

**Biographical note:** Born in St. Louis, Missouri in 1865, Mary Kearney Cobb was the only child of Mary Radford (Kearney) Cobb and Daniel Cobb, and a descendant of Daniel Davis. She moved to Barnstable as a young child, and lived in the Davis-Cobb house on Main Street in Barnstable all her life. Her grandparents were Matthew and Mary Davis Cobb on her father's side, and, on her mother's side, General Stephen Watts Kearney (d. 1848) and Ellen Kearney of St. Louis, MO. In the winter months Mary Cobb traveled extensively in Europe and California. She never married. In 1890, Mary Cobb donated the land on which St. Mary's Episcopal Church was built, in memory of her mother. Mary Cobb died in 1948.

**Scope and contents note:** Bulk of the collection consists of 2 scrapbooks, both about 8 1/2 x 7 x 1 1/2" with clippings and handwritten poetry pasted in. Loose items in the scrapbooks include family documents, correspondence, clippings, marriage notices, family obituaries, poems, photographs, and ephemera. Of note are two 1868 letters from Adolphus Davis of Boston to Daniel Cobb of New York regarding the estate of Fred Davis. Collection also includes a series of legal correspondence addressed to Morris Macauley Howard (Mary Cobb's godchild) and probate records regarding the estate of Mary Cobb, and one glass plate negative.

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Folders

- 1 Correspondence 1952-1956
- 2 Correspondence 1957-1977
- 3 Probate records, court decisions

Scrapbook #1

Red leather spine, marbled boards, 8 3/8 x 6 1/2 x 1 3/4"  
"Record book" printed on front cover

loose items include:

Two letters, dated 1868, from Adolphus Davis, Boston to Daniel Cobb, New York regarding the estate of Fred Davis

Handwritten note on history of residents of the [Davis-Cobb] house.

Lock of hair

Dried flower

Feather

Painting on silk of 2 women having tea

Photographs

Newsclippings about family

Obituaries, marriage notices

Wedding invitations

### Scrapbook # 2

Green clothbound, 8 7/16 x 7 1/8 x 1 3/8"

"Scrapbook" printed on cover

Contains mostly handwritten poems pasted in

Loose items include a doilie and newspaper clippings about

The opening of the Cape Cod Canal (1914), the dedication of the

Pilgrim Monument and the opening of the Barnstable community building

Playbill with Mary Cobb in cast